25. Mr. P. Raman Pillai (*Conservator of Forests*).
26. ,, R. Sivaraman Nair (*Tiruvalla*),
27. ,, J. W. Tolson (*Travancore Planters*).
28. ,, G Velu Pillai (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Register books in Taluk Offices.

68 ❋ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any register book is kept in the Taluk Offices to show the applications and petitions, whether stamped or otherwise, received by them from time to time and the action, if any, taken on them ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know from the member whether copies of entries in such registers will be made available to private parties on application ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Endorsements regarding disposals of petitions are generally sent to the petitioners, and if they apply for copies, the matter will be considered.

Exemption of agriculturists from payment of Market toll.

69. ❋ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** : *iruvalla*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has stated on behalf of Government during the Budget Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly in 1112 that he would take steps to free the agriculturists from the payment of market toll at least in respect of hand loads and head loads taken to the markets ;

(*b*) whether any motion has been passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly during its Budget Session in 1113 regarding the abolition of the market toll ; and

(*c*) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, the steps taken in the matter ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration and definite orders will be issued soon.

Transport Department.

70 ❋ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of buses and lorries fitted with crude oil engines imported till now for the use of the Transport Department and the price of each excluding its body ;

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(*b*) the number of buses and lorries fitted with petrol engines imported till now for the said department and the price of each excluding its body;

(*c*) whether any amount has been spent by the said department for repairing the roads on which service buses of the said department are plying and, if so, the amount spent on each road till now (1-6-1114); and

(*d*) when the Government will start service on the Munnar-Alwaye line?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No bus or lorry fitted with Crude Oil Engine has been imported. The Transport Department buses are run by high speed diesel oil.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) The Transport Department does not spend any amount for repairing the road but it pays tolls at the scheduled rates. The amount spent under this item till 1-6-1114 is Rs. 31,453.

(*d*) Lorry service has been started on the line from the 29th May 1939.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN: നാഗർകോവിൽ ലൈനിൽ വല്ല ബസ്സുകളും വാടകയ്ക്ക് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഇല്ല.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മൂന്നാറിൽ കൊടിക്കപ്പെട്ടുന്ന മി. മരക്കാരുടെ ലോറികളും വല്ലതും വാടകയ്ക്ക് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഒരുതവണ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മൂന്നാറിലുള്ള ലോറികളിൽ യാത്രക്കാരെ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനുള്ള വല്ല സൌകര്യങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഇല്ല.

Transport Buses.

71. ❋ MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses got down for State Transport purposes which have become unserviceable up to the 15th Kumbhom 1114;

(*b*) the number of tyres and tubes got down till the 15th Kumbhom 1114 for the use of Transport buses and the price of each; and

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount spent towards paying tolls during the six months from the 1st Chingom 1111 to the 1st Kumbhom 1114?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) One. (It was burnt by a mob at Quilon).

(*b*) Tyres are supplied by a firm of Contractors on a mileage basis and under a special contract.

(*c*) The amount is Rs. 17,270-0-0.

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